

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 4 and to improve its grammar. Accordingly, claim 4 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 5 will be pending.

In Paragraph No. 6, claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Aoshima.

In Paragraph No. 7, the Examiner objects to claim 4 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 4. Accordingly, claim 1 as amended is believed to be allowable. Claim 3 is believed to be allowable by virtue of its dependency on claim 1.

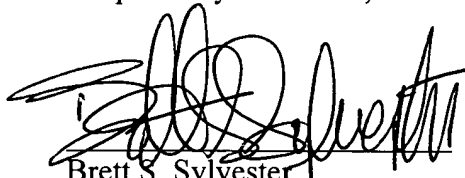
Applicants note with appreciation that claim 5 is allowed.

Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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